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1. AT 1108 LOCAL TIME 4 MAY THE MITLA EAST WATCH STATION AND THE SFM BASE CAMP WATCH OFFICER OBSERVED A DELTA WING AIRCRAFT FLYING A NORTH TO SOUTH PATH ALONG THE MEDIAN LINE. THIS FLIGHT WAS ASSUMED TO BE THE SCHEDULED IDF RECCE FLIGHT. ALL OTHER SFM WATCH STATIONS WERE ALERTED. MITLA WEST FILED A SPOT REPORT INDICATING THAT AT 1110 ALL SENSORS WERE ACTIVATED BY THE NORTH TO SOUTH PASS OF THE AIRCRAFT. MITLA EAST CONTINUED OBSERVATION AND AT 1111 LOCAL TIME REPORTED PLANE WAS PERFORMING AT 180 DEGREE TURN TO THE EAST AND HEADING BACK TOWARD THE BZ.

2. BETWEEN 1121 AND 1133 LOCAL TIME ALL WATCH STATIONS AND J-1/E-1 FILED INTRUSION REPORTS. MITLA WEST REPORTED THAT ITS FIRST SIGHTING OF THE SOUTH TO NORTH PASS WAS AT 1115 OUTSIDE THE BZ. THE AIRCRAFT APPROACHED THE STATION AT AN AZIMUTH OF 185 DEGREES, AND CONTINUED OVER THE STATION ENTERING THE EARLY WARNING AREA. MITLA EAST REPORTED FIRST SIGHTING OF THE SOUTH-NORTH PASS ALSO AT 1115 WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS SOUTHWEST OF IT AT AN AZIMUTH OF 230 DEGREES. MITLA EAST OBSERVED THE AIRCRAFT
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TRANSIT THE BUFFER ZONE, LAST SIGHTING BY MITLA EAST BEING AT 1123 WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS 003 DEGREES FROM THE STATION. GIDDI EAST'S REPORT OF INTRUSION HAD FIRST SIGHTING AT 1113 AT 195 DEGREES FROM THE STATION. THEY ALSO OBSERVED FLIGHT THROUGH THE ZONE AND REPORTED AIRCRAFT AS EXITING BZ AT 1121 TURNING EAST. THE LAST OBSERVATION WAS AT 1125 WHEN PLANE WAS DUE NORTH OF THE GIDDI EAST WATCH STATION. THERE WAS NO SENSOR ACTIVATION DURING THE

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VIOLATION PASS AT ANY FIELD.

3. BOTH E-1/J-1 FILED COMPLETE INTRUSION REPORTS. BOTH REPORTED PASS THROUGH BZ. E-1 REPORT OF LAST SIGHTING WAS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THAT OF GIDDI EAST AT 1125 DUE NORTH OF THE E-1 STATION.

4. AS THE ONLY BZ RECCE FLIGHT SCHEDULED FOR MAY 4 WAS AN IDF FLIGHT, AND AS THE AIRCRAFT WAS OBSERVED LEAVING THE BZ TOWARD NORTHEAST IN THE AREA OF AN IDF AIRBASE, THE INTRUSION WAS REPORTED AS AN IDF AIRCRAFT INTRUSION.
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